One Hundred Eleventh Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Began and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the fifth day of January, two thousand and ten

An Act

To establish the National Alzheimer’s Project.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Alzheimer’s Project
Act”.

SEC. 2. THE NATIONAL ALZHEIMER’S PROJECT.

(a) DEFINITION OF ALZHEIMER’S.—In this Act, the term
“Alzheimer’s” means Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Office of the
Secretary of Health and Human Services the National Alzheimer’s
Project (referred to in this Act as the “Project”).

(c) PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT.—The Secretary of Health and
Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee, shall—

(1) be responsible for the creation and maintenance of
an integrated national plan to overcome Alzheimer’s;

(2) provide information and coordination of Alzheimer’s
research and services across all Federal agencies;

(3) accelerate the development of treatments that would
prevent, halt, or reverse the course of Alzheimer’s;

(4) improve the—

(A) early diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease; and

(B) coordination of the care and treatment of citizens
with Alzheimer’s;

(5) ensure the inclusion of ethnic and racial populations
at higher risk for Alzheimer’s or least likely to receive care,
in clinical, research, and service efforts with the purpose of
decreasing health disparities in Alzheimer’s; and

(6) coordinate with international bodies to integrate and
inform the fight against Alzheimer’s globally.

(d) DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human
Services, or the Secretary’s designee, shall—

(A) oversee the creation and updating of the national
plan described in paragraph (2); and

(B) use discretionary authority to evaluate all Federal
programs around Alzheimer’s, including budget requests
and approvals.

(2) NATIONAL PLAN.—The Secretary of Health and Human
Services, or the Secretary’s designee, shall carry out an annual
assessment of the Nation’s progress in preparing for the esca-
lating burden of Alzheimer’s, including both implementation
steps and recommendations for priority actions based on the
assessment.

(e) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established an Advisory Council
on Alzheimer’s Research, Care, and Services (referred to in
this Act as the “Advisory Council”).

(2) MEMBERSHIP.—

(A) FEDERAL MEMBERS.—The Advisory Council shall
be comprised of the following experts:

(i) A designee of the Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention.
(ii) A designee of the Administration on Aging.
(iii) A designee of the Centers for Medicare &
Medicaid Services.
(iv) A designee of the Indian Health Service.
(v) A designee of the Office of the Director of
the National Institutes of Health.
(vi) The Surgeon General.
(vii) A designee of the National Science Founda-
tion.
(viii) A designee of the Department of Veterans
Affairs.
(ix) A designee of the Food and Drug Administra-
tion.
(x) A designee of the Agency for Healthcare
Research and Quality.

(B) NON-FEDERAL MEMBERS.—In addition to the mem-
bers outlined in subparagraph (A), the Advisory Council
shall include 12 expert members from outside the Federal
Government, which shall include—

(i) 2 Alzheimer’s patient advocates;
(ii) 2 Alzheimer’s caregivers;
(iii) 2 health care providers;
(iv) 2 representatives of State health departments;
(v) 2 researchers with Alzheimer’s-related exper-
tise in basic, translational, clinical, or drug develop-
ment science; and
(vi) 2 voluntary health association representatives,
including a national Alzheimer’s disease organization
that has demonstrated experience in research, care,
and patient services, and a State-based advocacy
organization that provides services to families and
professionals, including information and referral, sup-
port groups, care consultation, education, and safety
services.

(3) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Council shall meet quarterly
and such meetings shall be open to the public.

(4) ADVICE.—The Advisory Council shall advise the Sec-
retary of Health and Human Services, or the Secretary’s des-
ignee.

(5) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Advisory Council shall provide
to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Sec-
retary’s designee and Congress—

(A) an initial evaluation of all federally funded
efforts in Alzheimer’s research, clinical care, and institu-
tional-, home-, and community-based programs and their
outcomes;
(B) initial recommendations for priority actions to expand, eliminate, coordinate, or condense programs based on the program’s performance, mission, and purpose;

(C) initial recommendations to—

(i) reduce the financial impact of Alzheimer’s on—
   (I) Medicare and other federally funded programs; and
   (II) families living with Alzheimer’s disease; and

(ii) improve health outcomes; and

(D) annually thereafter, an evaluation of the implementation, including outcomes, of the recommendations, including priorities if necessary, through an updated national plan under subsection (d)(2).

(6) TERMINATION.—The Advisory Council shall terminate on December 31, 2025.

(f) DATA SHARING.—Agencies both within the Department of Health and Human Services and outside of the Department that have data relating to Alzheimer’s shall share such data with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee, to enable the Secretary, or the Secretary’s designee, to complete the report described in subsection (g).

(g) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Secretary’s designee, shall submit to Congress—

(1) an annual report that includes an evaluation of all federally funded efforts in Alzheimer’s research, clinical care, and institutional-, home-, and community-based programs and their outcomes;

(2) an evaluation of all federally funded programs based on program performance, mission, and purpose related to Alzheimer’s disease;

(3) recommendations for—

   (A) priority actions based on the evaluation conducted by the Secretary and the Advisory Council to—
      (i) reduce the financial impact of Alzheimer’s on—
          (I) Medicare and other federally funded programs; and
          (II) families living with Alzheimer’s disease; and

      (ii) improve health outcomes;

   (B) implementation steps; and

   (C) priority actions to improve the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, care, institutional-, home-, and community-based programs of Alzheimer’s disease for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and their caregivers; and

(4) an annually updated national plan.
(h) **SUNSET.**—The Project shall expire on December 31, 2025.


_Speaker of the House of Representatives._


_Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate._